

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A puncture sealing agent comprising at least:  
a rubber latex solution;  
a short fiber; and  
a clay ~~base~~-based viscosity improver,  
wherein the viscosity of the rubber latex solution after addition of the clay ~~base~~-based viscosity improver thereto is from 3 to 6000 mPa·s in the range of +50 to -20°C.
2. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1, wherein the content of a solid component is 5 to 70 mass percent and the content of the short fiber is 0.1 to 5 mass percent.
3. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein a length (L) and a diameter (D) of the short fiber, respectively, are in the ranges below:  
Length (L):  $0.05 \leq L \leq 10$  mm and  
Diameter (D):  $1 \leq D \leq 100$   $\mu$ m.
4. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein a ratio (L/D) of a length (L) to a diameter (D) of the short fiber is in the range of  $5 \leq L/D \leq 2000$ .
5. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

6. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

7. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 1 or 2, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

8. (original): The puncture sealing agent of claim 7, wherein the short fiber has a multi-layered structure and the outermost layer thereof is made of a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

9. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

10. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing an inorganic filler with a material that is lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

11. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

12. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is made of a porous material that is higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

13. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 3, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.

14. (previously presented): The puncture sealing agent of claim 4, wherein the short fiber is obtained by compositing a material lower in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution and a material higher in specific gravity than the rubber latex solution.